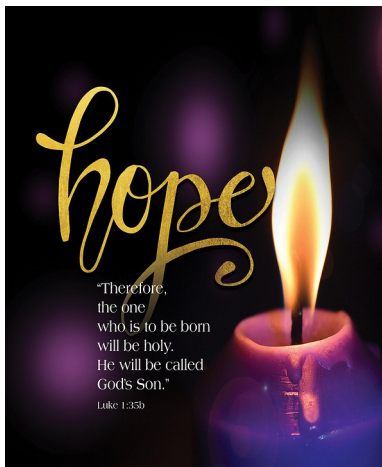




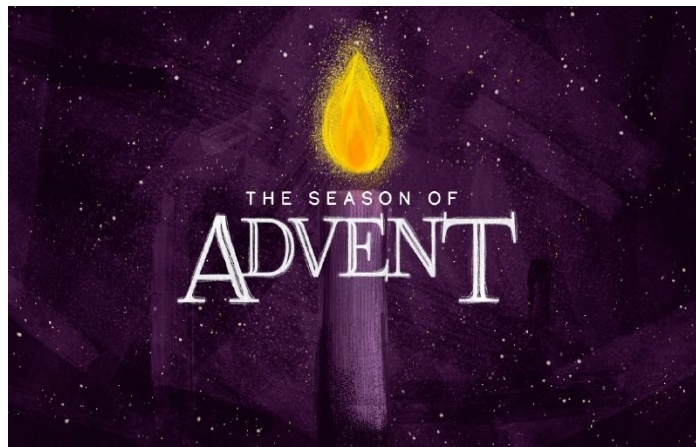
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First Sunday of Advent
November 30, 2025
10:00 a.m. service

**Welcome to St. Andrew's -
all are welcome here.**



Altar Flowers - The flowers on the altar today are given by Alison Gardner to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Peter.

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT - We gather on lands which have been the home of SENĆOTEN and HUL'QUMI'NUM' speaking Coast Salish peoples from time immemorial, and their encounter with the Creator in this place goes before our own.

Opening hymn ***O Come, O Come, Emmanuel***

O come, O come, Emmanuel
and bless the place your people dwell,
protect and keep us day and night,
and bring the blessing of your Light.

Refrain ***Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel***
shall guide and bless us all our days.

O come, O Tree of Life from tender shoot,
come from the past, from Jesse's root.
Break through the stone in ev'ry heart
bring hope and joy, new life impart.

Refrain

O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer
our Spirits by your advent here;
bless ev'ry people, ev'ry race,
embrace us, young and old, within your grace.

Refrain

"O come, O come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel ..." This hymn was composed in 1710, before there was a country called Israel. At that time, many believed that God had scattered Jewish people as punishment for not recognizing Jesus as Messiah. The original lyrics of this hymn suggest, incorrectly, that Judaism is in a state of captivity and that the religion lies in darkness. For this reason, we sing the alternate version of this hymn which retains the traditional tune and uses updated lyrics.

The Gathering of the Community

Presider As farmers wait for rainfall
and prisoners wait for freedom,
All **we wait for the coming of God.**

Presider As exiles yearn for home
and peacemakers yearn for justice,
All **we long for the coming of God.**

Presider As travelers search for shelter
and disciples look for answers,
All **we prepare for the coming of God.**

Candle-lighting Prayer

Presider We light this candle as a sign
of the coming of Christ.
All **As we join with the cloud of witnesses
here and everywhere,
we dream and imagine a different future,
a future of flourishing for one and all.
We are witnesses to hope.**

The first blue candle is lit.



Candle-lighting Song ***Be Still and Know***

Be still and know that I am God.
Be still and know that I am God.
Be still and know that I am God.

I am the one who give you hope
I am the one who give you hope
I am the one who give you hope

Be still and know that I am God.
Be still and know that I am God.
Be still and know that I am God.

Presider God of hope,
All **you are the way:
to what we need,
to what we can become,
and to what we can do.
Amen.**

Collect of the Day

Presider God of justice and peace,
All **from the heavens you rain down
mercy and kindness.
Raise our heads in expectation,
so that we may yearn
for the coming day of the Lord
and stand without blame
before your Son, Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Proclamation of the Word

Reader A reading from Isaiah (2:1-5).

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying while we wait.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 122

¹ I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

² Now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

**³ Jerusalem is built as a city
that is at unity with itself.**

⁴ To which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord,

**the assembly of Israel,
to praise the name of the Lord.**

⁵ For there are the thrones of judgement,
the thrones of the house of David.

⁶ Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
“May they prosper who love you.

⁷ Peace be within your walls
and quietness within your towers.

⁸ For my kindred and companions' sake,
I pray for your prosperity.

⁹ Because of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek to do you good.”

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Reader A reading from the Letter to the Romans (13:11-14).

Hear what the Spirit is saying while we wait.

All Thanks be to God.

Gradual hymn (CP#88) ***Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus***

1 Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.

2 Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Presider May God be with you.

All And also with you.

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke (21:25-36).

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Presider The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(Gradual hymn continued)

3 Born thy people to deliver;
born a child and yet a King;
born to reign in us forever:
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

4 By thine own eternal Spirit,
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Sermon The Rev. Kelly Duncan

Anthem *Creator of the Stars of Night* (CP#96)

Affirmation of Faith

All We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.

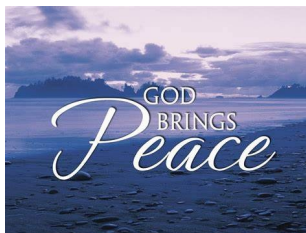
We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Peace

Presider The peace of God be always with you.

All And also with you.



Offertory hymn (CP#101) *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

- 1 Hail to the Lord's anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free,
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.
- 2 He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth.
Before him on the mountains
shall peace the herald go,
and righteousness in fountains
from hill to valley flow.
- 3 Kings shall fall down before him,
and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him,
his praise all people sing.
To him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend,
his kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.
- 4 O'er every foe victorious,
he on his throne shall rest,
from age to age more glorious,
all-blessings and all-best.
The tide of time shall never
his covenant remove.
His name shall stand forever:
that name to us is Love.

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Generous God,
you have created all that is,
and you provide for us in every season.
Bless all that we offer,
that through these gifts,
the world will receive your blessing.
In the name of Jesus, Emmanuel, we pray.

All **Amen.**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Presider May God be with you.

All **And also with you.**

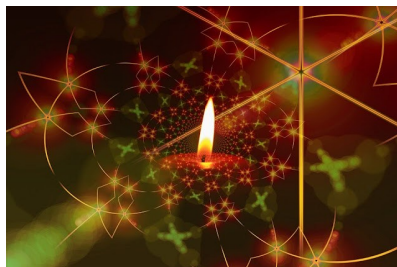
Presider Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to God.**

Presider Let us give thanks to God.

All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider Mystery of winter skies...



Presider ...and that the world would be touched
by his glory:

All *Sanctus*



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and God of might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry; Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Blest is the One who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Presider Holy and gracious God...
...Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

All



Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.
Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

Presider We come in memory and hope...
...all glory and honour are yours,
all-loving God, now and forever.

All



The Lord's Prayer

Presider As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

All **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name
your kingdom come, your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive
those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Fraction Anthem

Polish Carol

Bread of life, now gi-ven for us, wine of hope, poured here in love,
as we now re - call your pro-mise, bring us all to be as one.
Bread once scat tered on the hill-side, as one loaf is gath-ered here;
make us all to live for - ev - er in Christ's bo - dy that we share.

Presider These are the gifts of God for the people of God.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Communion



Communion hymn (CP#63) ***Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup***

Refrain: **Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in me and you will not thirst.**

1 I am the bread of life,
the true bread sent from the Father.

Refrain

2 Your ancestors ate manna in the desert,
but this is the bread come down from heaven.

Refrain

3 Eat my flesh and drink my blood,
and I will raise you up on the last day.

Refrain

4 Any one who eats this bread,
will live forever.

Refrain

5 If you believe and eat this bread,
you will have eternal life.

Refrain

Communion hymn (CP#94) ***Wait for the Lord***

Wait for the Lord,
whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord:
be strong, take heart!

(repeat as needed)

Communion hymn *All Earth is Waiting*

1 All earth is waiting to see the Promised One,
and open furrows await the seed of God.
All the world, bound and struggling, seeks true liberty;
it cries out for justice and searches for the truth.

2 Thus says the prophet to those of Israel:
'A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel.'
One whose name is 'God with us,' our Saviour shall be;
through whom hope will blossom once more within our hearts.

3 Mountains and valleys will have to be made plain;
open new highways, new highways for our God,
who is now coming closer, so come all and see,
and open the doorways as wide as wide can be.

4 In lowly stable the Promised One appeared
Yet, feel his presence throughout the world today,
for Christ lives in all Christians and is with us now,
again on arriving, Christ brings us liberty.



Prayer after Communion

Presider Advent God, for whom we wait,
All we thank you for feeding us
with the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
At his first advent, Jesus came
to seek and save that which was lost.
Grant that, on the last day,
he may be found in us,
and we in him;
through the same, Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Closing Sentences

Presider With love and compassion,
All come, Lord Jesus.

Presider With judgement and mercy,
All come, Lord Jesus.

Presider In wisdom and truth,
All come, Lord Jesus.

Advent Blessing



Closing hymn

Blessed Be the God of Israel

1 Bless'd be the God of Israel who comes to set us free
and raises up new hope for us: a Branch from David's tree.
So have the prophets long declared that with a mighty arm
God would turn back our enemies and all who wish us harm.

2 With promised mercy will God still the covenant recall,
the oath once sworn to Abraham, from foes to save us all;
that we might worship without fear and offer lives of praise,
in holiness and righteousness to serve God all our days.

3 My child, as prophet of the Lord, you will prepare the way,
to tell God's people they are saved from sin's eternal sway.
Then shall God's mercy from on high shine forth and never cease
to drive away the gloom of death and lead us into peace.

Dismissal

Presider Go in hope to love and serve our God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Herr Christ, der ein'ge Gottes Sohn*, J.S.Bach, BWV 601

Weekly Cycle of Prayer
Sunday, November 30, 2025

In our parish, we pray for Carenza Stevens & Non Hozempa and Ashton, Jacky Stevens, Marlene Sunder Raj, Bill & Barbara Taylor, and Richard & Marilyn Taylor.

In our community, we pray for Brentwood Elementary School, the Administration, the staff, and students.

In our region, we pray for the Parish of St. Philip, Cedar, The Rev. Leslie Flynn and the people of the parish and surrounding community.

In our Diocese, we pray for Anna, our Bishop, the Parish of Trinity Anglican & Lutheran, Port Alberni.

In our Ecclesiastical Province of BC and Yukon, we pray we pray for The Most Rev. John Stephens, Bishop of New Westminster, and Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of BC and Yukon.

In Canada, we pray for the people of the Anglican Church of Canada.

In the world, we pray for The Anglican Church of Australia.



Quarterly Mission
October-December 2025
St. Andrew's Discretionary Fund

***** This Week at a Glance *****
(November 30— December 7, 2025)

Sunday	November 30th 2025 - First Sunday of Advent 8:00 am Holy Communion BCP 10:00 am Holy Eucharist BAS Continental Brunch
Monday	10:00 am Labyrinth walk 1:30 pm Friends of St. Andrew delivery
Tuesday	1:30 pm Friendship Circle
Wednesday	11:30 - 12:30 Neighbour's Lunch 2:00 pm Zoom Prayer Gathering <i>(Please contact the church office for the link)</i>
Thursday	10:00 am Holy Eucharist 11:00 am Advent Study Series in the church 11:30 am Brunch Bunch 7:00 pm Choir practice
Friday	1:30 pm Friends of St. Andrew delivery
Saturday	11:30 am Brunch Bunch
Sunday	December 7th 2025 - Second Sunday of Advent 8:00 am Holy Communion BCP 10:00 am Holy Eucharist BAS
<i>Looking Forward</i>	
December 21st	Christmas Lessons & Carols Service, at 4 pm
February 13th, 2026	Vintage Fashion Show and Tea Fundraiser at the Church
February 22, 2026	Annual Vestry meeting in the Hall, after the 10 am service



Advent 2025

Celebrate the season at St Andrew's, Sidney!

Advent Study Series - Thursdays at 11am in the church. We'll be using the study guide called *The Meaning is in the Waiting* as we look carefully at four biblical characters and how they waited. Bring yourself, your impatience, and your questions!

Neighbours Lunch Christmas Dinner - Wednesday, December 17th from 11:30am to 12:30pm. Come one, come all and enjoy a delicious Christmas dinner with all the fixings!

Christmas Lessons & Carols Service—Sunday, December 21st at 4pm in the church. Enjoy entering into seven biblical readings, singing as many Christmas carols and hearing our (expanded) choir sing anthems. A feast of carols!

Blue Christmas Service - Monday, December 22nd at 7pm. Sometimes we don't feel jolly at Christmastime. This is a quiet, contemplative service that allows us to express all the emotions we feel at this time of year. Please invite your friends and acquaintances and offer to accompany them to this service if they'd find it helpful.

A blessed and holy Advent season to you!



CHRISTMAS OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES THIS YEAR:

1. **White Gift Sunday** — On Sunday, December 7, bring a new toy for a child (ages 0-18 years old) and leave it at the base of the altar. We'll bless all our donations and then get them to the Lions Toy Drive for families in need on the Peninsula.
2. **Giving Tree** — Check out the giving tree in the Narthex today! You'll see tags with the wish list of one of our friends in Sidney included on the back. Sign up to fill a bag with goodies to make our friends' Christmas special.

Announcements

WELCOME TO VISITORS TO ST. ANDREW - Would you like to receive a tax receipt for your offering (over \$20)? Please pick up an offering envelope from the plastic stand on the credenza at the entrance to the church. It is so lovely to have you at church today.

COUGH, COLD, FLU, COVID SEASON PROTOCOLS AT ST ANDREW'S -Now that the weather is cooling and we are more likely to stay inside, cough/cold, flu and COVID season is upon us. If you feel at all unwell, please do not come to church. If you are able, consider joining in the livestream of the 10am Sunday morning service through the web-site here: <https://www.standrewssidney.ca/blog> until you have recovered. If you feel that you may be coming down with something but aren't entirely sure, please wear a mask to church. Thank you for thinking of the vulnerable and immuno-compromised members of our community!

THANK YOU to all who participated in the Purdy's Chocolates fundraiser this Christmas! Your delicious chocolates will be delivered to you by December 12th.



Readings for December 7th, 2025

1st Lesson:	Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm:	72:1-7, 18-19
Epistle:	Romans 15:4-13
Gospel:	Matthew 3:1-12

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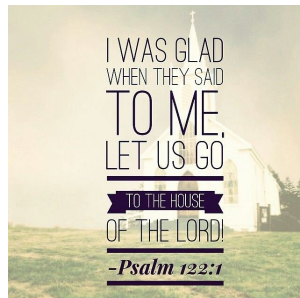
Christmas Service Schedule

- **Wednesday, December 24th at 5pm** - Pick-up Christmas Pageant with Holy Eucharist - The young and the young-at-heart are most welcome to adopt a character as we reenact the Christmas story. All are welcome to this beautiful and lively service!
- **Wednesday, December 24th at 7pm** - Holy Eucharist. Bring your friends and family as we celebrate the birth of Christ together!
- **Wednesday, December 24th at 10pm** - Holy Eucharist with candle-lighting. This beautiful service is a wonderful way to celebrate the coming of the Christ child.
- **Thursday, December 25th at 10am** - Holy Eucharist on Christmas Day
- **Sunday, December 28th** - First Sunday after Christmas: services at 8am and 10am.
- **Sunday, January 4th** - Epiphany of our Lord (trans.): services at 8am and 10am.

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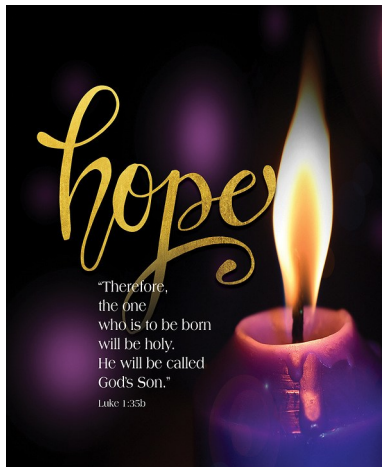
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